

Washington, DC - Late yesterday, the House of Representatives passed the bipartisan Military Spouse Residency Relief Act. Congressman John Adler, who serves on the House Veterans' Affairs Committee and is a sponsor of the bill, said it will allow a military spouse to claim the same state of domicile as their active duty spouse, regardless of where they are stationed. The bill is expected to be signed into law quickly.

"This will lift a huge burden on military families who are often left dealing with split residencies and bureaucratic turmoil," said Congressman Adler, whose district includes Joint Base Dix/McGuire/Lakehurst. "We must support the brave men and women in uniform who keep us safe and free. Our service members and their families make sacrifices for our freedom every day. I'm proud to do my part to support their efforts."

The bill allows a military spouse who moves out of a state with their service member under military orders to have the option to claim the same state of domicile as their active duty spouse, regardless of where they are stationed. Service members themselves have had that option for decades, while spouses did not, leaving many families with split residencies.